

Your Guide to
Voyageurs National Park

Rendezvous

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Rainy Lake, NPS



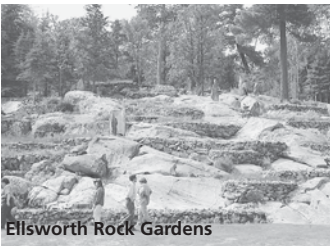
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Welcome to Voyageurs



Voyageur Tour Boat



Ellsworth Rock Gardens



Ash River Visitor Center



Locator Lake Trail



Rainy Lake Ice Road



Kettle Falls Dam Overlook

What do you want to do with your special time in Voyageurs? The possibilities are endless. Whether you want to motorboat, fish, hike, canoe, camp, sail, kayak, ski, snowshoe, snowmobile, become a Junior Ranger, attend a naturalist-led program, or just read a book, Voyageurs National Park has a place for you.

Camp Overnight

Stay at more than one of the 244 sites throughout the park. Reminder - all sites are only accessible by watercraft.

National Park Week & Open House

Celebrate spring with us during National Park Week. Kids are invited to enter the annual Youth Art Contest. The entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park's website for dates and times.

Night Explorer Series

Join a park naturalist to explore the night sky in a variety of ways: a full moon hike, a cosmic campfire, or view objects with high powered telescopes. Visit the park's website for dates and times.

Calling all Junior Rangers!

Stop by a visitor center to pick up copies of the park's Junior Ranger booklets and the new Night Explorer booklet.

Let's Move Outside

Kids of all ages can dress as a voyageur at any of the three visitor centers. Try on leggings, sashes, and colorful chamois. If you want to do more, participate in a North Canoe Voyage (see page 5). This program is part of the First Lady's Let's Move Outside Campaign for a healthy America!

Ranier Days

August. Join the community of Ranier for its annual Ranier Days celebrations.

Check out a Discovery Pack

Kids and their families can discover Voyageurs on their own and in-depth by checking out any one of the seven different Discovery Packs.

Check out an iPod

Visitors can discover four different Visitor Destinations via iPod. Historic Kettle Falls and Hoist Bay, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, and Little American Island can all be visited without going on the water. Stop by a visitor center for details.

Hike a Park Trail

Voyageurs has 14 designated trails with difficulty levels ranging from easy to strenuous. See page 4 for hiking information or pick up a detailed brochure at any park visitor center.

Picnic in the Park

Picnic near a park visitor center or stop by watercraft at one of the many Day Use Sites (see page 10) in the park.

Join a Park Naturalist on a Boat Tour

Explore the park by tour boat with a park naturalist (see page 5 for details).

Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival

July. Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the festival in July. For inquiries call (800) 524-9085.

Stop by a Visitor Center

There are three visitor centers and one contact ranger station within Voyageurs National Park.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Open year round with reduced hours in the winter (see back page). The center offers boat tours, North Canoe Voyages, exhibits, a bookstore, Ethno-botanical Garden, and a hiking trail.

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

Open in the summer months (see back page). The center offers state-of-the-art interactive exhibits, boat tours, North Canoe Voyages, a bookstore, and a trail within a 2 mile drive.

Ash River Visitor Center

Open in the summer months (see back page). The center is an historic structure also known as Meadwood Lodge. It offers views of Kabetogama Lake, displays, a bookstore, and hiking trails.

Crane Lake Ranger Station

Open when a ranger is on duty. There is an information kiosk at the boat launch and a United States Forest Service hiking trail close by.

Voyageur Days

September. Join the community of Crane Lake for its annual Voyageur Days. For inquiries call (800) 362-7405.

Explore the Ethno-botanical Garden

Stroll through the newly developed garden at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Join a park naturalist on a tour or take the self guided walk. The garden introduces you to an Ojibwe Indian camp exhibit and native plant diversity of the park.

Check out a Visitor Destination

The park has designated several sites within park boundaries as Visitor Destinations: Little American Island, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, Harry Oveson Fish Camp, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, and the Casareto Cabin are all sites near completion that the public can visit. For more information check at a visitor center or on-line.

Winter in Voyageurs

Winter offers visitors a chance to see the park in a different light. Visitors can: drive on an ice road, ice-fish, snowmobile, ski, snowshoe, or attend a naturalist-led program. Check at a visitor center for details or go on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.

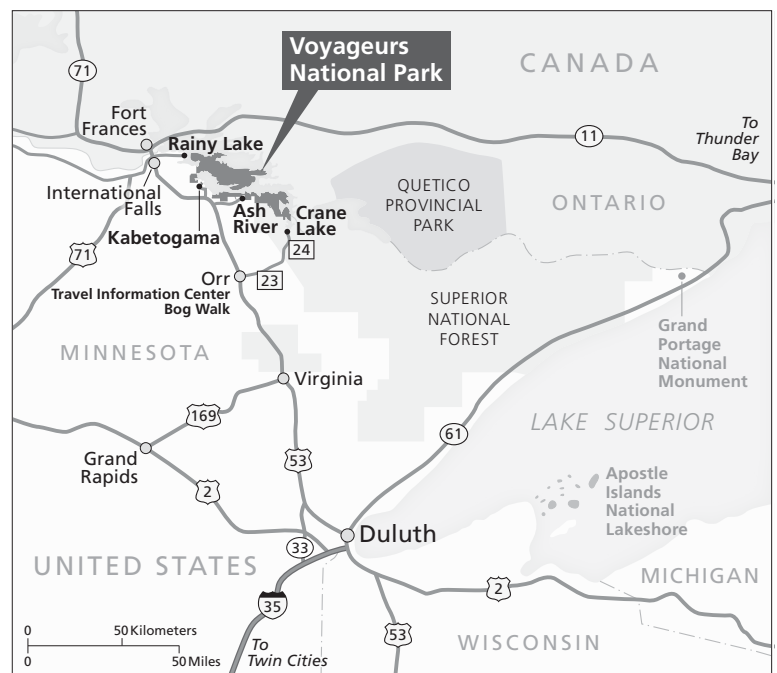
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Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to International Falls and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada.

Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park's gateway communities.



History and Science



Kabetogama Lake, Ray Klass © 2006

A Demand for Hats

The waterways of Voyageurs National Park include one of the most important segments of a 3,000-mile fur trade route of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The driving force behind the fur trade was a demand for hats—beaver hats desired by fashionable Europeans. When beaver could no longer be found in Europe, the demand shifted to North America.

As the fur trade expanded westward, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoemen, to muscle trade goods and furs between Montreal and the Canadian northwest. The voyageurs depended on native North Americans for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The lakes of Voyageurs National Park became a strategic relay and supply point along the fur trade route. The route of the voyageurs shaped the international boundary and the legacy of the voyageurs inspired the naming of

this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of American Indians to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of Voyageurs National Park has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

Amazing Flora and Fauna

Have you ever walked through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an amazing array of red, gold, and yellow leaves? Have you ever followed the smell of pine scents as you walk along rock covered ridges, all while a fox scurries by and you spot signs of wolves along a trail? That is just some of what lies within Voyageurs National Park.

The park lies in a transition zone between the boreal forests to the north and deciduous forests to the south. Nearly 700 species

of plants have been identified within the park. Boreal forest species are most abundant, occupying about 70% of the park. Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pines, spruces, and balsam fir.

Within this abundant diversity of the northern forest, wildlife abounds. Many animals characteristic of the North Woods are found here including moose, white-tailed deer, gray wolves, fox, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, black bears, ravens, and common loons. A host of other animals can be found such as bald eagles, beavers, river otters, red squirrels, and small rodents. Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 bird species who either live in or migrate through the park.

What's happening this year?

Check out the park's newsletter, *The Voyageur Messenger*, at any one of the park's three visitor centers or on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.

Talking Rocks

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park tell amazing stories that stretch across time. The rocks tell of continent building and movement, mountain rising, ice ages, and soil formation. One of the reasons Voyageurs National Park was established was because of the amazing geological features.

In 1975, Voyageurs National Park was established “to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions, and the waterway system which constituted part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the northwestern United States.”

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park are dated to be about half as old as the planet. Nowhere else in North American parks can you see and touch extensive exposures of rocks this old. The rocks of Voyageurs were created in the Precambrian Era, and are part of the Canadian Shield. They are older than the schist at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Visit Voyageurs National Park to see the story of gold and mica mining and hear the story of volcanoes erupting and the shifting of fault lines. We think you will also be amazed at the small amount of soil that supports the vast amount of life in this national park.

Fisheries in Voyageurs

There are 54 fish species known to exist in park lakes with yellow perch and northern pike being the most widely spread. Walleye and northern pike are the species most frequently sought after by anglers on the park’s four large lakes. Other predatory fish include smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Largemouth bass and rainbow smelt are not native in these lakes. There is conflicting evidence as to whether smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, and green sunfish are native in these lakes. Additionally, some of these species may be native in the four large lakes of the park but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to stocking. With the exception of rainbow smelt, all of the non-native fish listed were introduced to these lakes for sport fishing before the park was established.

Pick up a checklist of fish at any of the park's three visitor centers.

Voyageurs' Watershed

Voyageurs National Park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About 70% of the basin lies within Ontario and 30% in Minnesota. The general direction of flow through the four main lakes in the park (Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point) is northwesterly. Water leaving Rainy Lake flows to the Rainy River and then to Lake of the Woods which in turn flows to the Winnipeg River. Ultimately, the system drains to Hudson Bay.

Lake levels in the park’s four largest lakes are controlled by a dam crossing the international border at Fort Frances and International Falls, as well as by small dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake. Rainy Lake is controlled separately from the Namakan Reservoir, which is composed of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Crane, and Little Vermilion Lakes. The Namakan River, which enters Namakan Lake from the east, is the largest source of flow into the park.

Places to Go

Explore a Visitor Destination. The park has identified 14 locations that visitors can boat to and learn more about the park and its significance. These sites will eventually be developed with picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits. Sites listed below are open to the public.

Little American Island

Discover the past while you explore the remains of the mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see page 5). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this Visitor Destination on your own.

Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam

Built in the early 1900s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors,

bootleggers, and tourists. Long before the hotel and dam were built, Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs portaged their birch bark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

The Kettle Falls Hotel is in Voyageurs National Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This popular destination is managed by a concessionaire. Tours depart from Rainy and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers (see page 5).

Hoist Bay
Two major periods of history are represented

at Hoist Bay - logging and recreation. Landscape features, such as the piers of the former railroad trestle, exist from the logging period, and several buildings represent the resort era. Tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (see page 5).



Casareto Cabin 
The summer cabin is a historic site that represents recreational history of the 1930s. The cabin is located on a beautiful sand beach.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 - 1965. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed during the garden's peak.

See map on pages 8 - 9 for site locations or pick up a brochure for more information.



Experience the Interior of the Park

Experience the solitude of a remote interior lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage.

The National Park Service provides canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes for a fee of \$10.00 per boat, per day.

Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 for reservations for the following lakes: Locator, Quill, Ek, Cruiser, Little Shoepack, and Shoepack. Call (218) 286-5258 for reservations for the following lakes: Peary and Brown.



The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or reserve a water taxi service (see pages 14 - 15) to access the trails that lead to the park's interior lakes.

There are no canoe or rowboat rentals at the visitor centers.


Several local businesses also rent canoes and kayaks for the park's large lakes (see pages 14-15).

Like a park trail. There are 14 designated trails to explore and view the spectacular scenery and wildlife the park has to offer. Stop by a visitor center for a detailed map and description of each trail. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails with the exception of the Oberholtzer Trail.




Land Access Trails

Trail/Destination	Difficulty	Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
Rainy Lake Visitor Center			
Oberholtzer Trail 	Easy	1.7 miles	45 minutes
Ethno-botanical Garden Trail 	Easy	0.25 mile	20 minutes
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center			
Echo Bay Trail	Easy to Moderate	2.5 miles, loop	2 hours
Kab-Ash Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	27.9 miles	Days
Ash River Visitor Center			
Kab-Ash Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	27.9 miles	Days
Blind Ash Bay Trail	Moderate	2.8 miles, loop	2.5 hours









Water Access Trails

Rainy Lake Visitor Center			
Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	Moderate	1.2 miles, round trip	1 hour
Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	Moderate	1.75 miles, loop	2 hours
Little American Island 	Easy	0.25 mile, loop	20 minutes
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center			
Cruiser Lake Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	9.5 miles, one way	6 - 8 hours
Locator Lake Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	2 miles, one way	2 hours
Ash River Visitor Center			
Beast Lake Trail	Moderate	0.25 mile to Beast Lake and 2.8 miles, loop to Brown Lake	45 minutes






Land Access Overlooks

Ash River Visitor Center			
Beaver Pond Overlook 	Moderate	0.2 mile, one way	30 minutes
Voyageurs Forest Overlook 	Easy	0.5 mile, loop	30 minutes
Kabetogama Lake Overlook 	Easy	0.2 mile, one way	20 minutes

Naturalist-led Programs and Boat Tours

Rainy Lake <i>(Voyageur)</i>		 = Boat Tour		All tours and fees are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule and fee changes. Minimum number of passengers are required for all tours.						
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Kettle Falls Cruise (August 12 & 26, September 2 & 16)	 	10 am							\$50	\$25
(6.5 hour cruise) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals (22 passenger minimum).										
Discovery Cruise (June 20 – August 24)	 				1 pm		1 pm		\$25	\$15
(2 hour cruise) Discover the wonder and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of active eagle nests, view a commercial fishing camp from the boat, and look for abundant wildlife.										
Grand Tour (June 17 – September 8)	 	1 pm		1 pm		1 pm		1 pm	\$30	\$15
(2.5 hour cruise) This tour is a combination of the Discovery Cruise with a stop at Little American Island where gold was discovered in the 1890s (1/4 mile accessible walk).										
North Canoe Voyage (June 15 – August 24)	Let's Move Outdoors Campaign!						10 am	10 am	Free	Free
(1.5 hour paddle) Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservation recommended, call (218) 286-5258.										
Explore by Canoe (June 25 - August 24)				2 pm	2 pm	2 pm			Free	Free
(2 hour paddle) Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons and equipment. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended. Call (218) 286-5258.										
Ethno-botanical Garden Walking Tour (June 17 - September 28)		12 pm		12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	Free	Free
(45 minute tour) Step back in time and visit a native plant garden and an Ojibwe lodge. Learn about native flora, exotic species, and their mark on the park (accessible 1/4 mile walk). Meet a park naturalist at the flag pole to start your tour.										

Kabetogama Lake *(Otter/Borealis)* = *Boat Tour*

Kettle Falls Cruise (June 17 – August 31)   (September 3 - 19) (5.5 hour cruise) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals (6 passenger minimum).		11 am		11 am		11 am	11 am		\$40	\$25
			11 am		11 am					
Hoist Bay Tour (June 18 - August 27)  (2.5 hour cruise) Board the tour boat (accessible) and cruise to historic Hoist Bay. Join a park naturalist for a 1/4 mile walk (not accessible) through the remains of an old logging camp and resort. View eagles and abundant wildlife along the way.			1 pm						\$30	\$15
North Canoe Voyage (June 18 – August 29) Let's Move Outdoor's Campaign! See description above. Call (218) 875-2111.			10 am						Free	Free
Junior Ranger Explorer (June 25 - August 22)  (1 hour) Join a park naturalist on an exploration of Voyageurs National Park.			1 pm	1 pm					Free	Free
Explore by Canoe (June 25 - August 24) See description above. Call (218) 875-2111.					2 pm	2 pm			Free	Free
Park-wide Night Explorer Series (May - September)  Join a park-naturalist/volunteer for an evening viewing the night sky. See listing of events on-line or pick up a brochure at any of the park's three visitor centers.									Free	Free

How To Make Tour Boat Reservations

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4 passengers are required for all tours with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6 passengers aboard the ***Otter*** and 22 passengers aboard the ***Voyageur***.

How do I make a reservation for a tour on the *Otter* or *Voyageur* tour boats?
Reservations for all tours are now made by going online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at (877) 444-6777. Advance reservations are available for a tour until midnight the night before a tour departs. **The National Call Center hours are:**
Mar. 1 - Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. (EST) Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (EST)

Can I walk into a visitor center and make a reservation?
Rainy Lake Visitor Center and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Yes. Walk-ons may inquire, make a walk-on reservation, and pay, with a credit card only, for a tour at the Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers if space is available. Visitors may do this between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to departure of a tour. All ticket sales will stop 30 minutes prior to departure of a tour. If all seats have been paid for with advanced reservations through www.recreation.gov, then no walk-on passengers will be accepted.
Ash River Visitor Center
No. Currently, there are no walk-on tickets available or tours available at this site.

Payment Method
Credit cards are required to make all reservations. No cash, checks, or travelers checks are accepted.

How do I know what an adult, child, or toddler fee is?
Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3-16, toddler fees are 2 and under. Go to www.recreation.gov for specific fee information.

Cancellation Policy
Visitors must call the National Call Center to cancel a tour, not a visitor center. If a visitor calls for any reason to cancel a tour they must call at least 24 hours prior to departure. A

\$3.00 service fee applies for all cancellations made by the visitor. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given. Refunds will be issued **ONLY** if advance reservations are canceled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. Refunds are given only by www.recreation.gov.

Minimum Number of Passengers
A minimum of 4 paying passengers are required for all tours, with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6 paying passengers on the ***Otter*** and a minimum of 22 paying passengers on the ***Voyageur***.

What if the park cancels a tour?
The park reserves the right to cancel a tour for any reason. If a tour is canceled by the park a full refund will be given to the visitor by recreation.gov. Some reasons the park may cancel a tour are: if there are U.S.C.G. weather restrictions or not enough paying passengers. Call the respective visitor centers prior to departure to find out if your tour is going. Keep in mind the following: tour boat captains do not make a determination on the weather until 1 hour prior to departure and the park will not know if a tour meets the minimum number of passengers until 1/2 hour prior to departure. To inquire about a cancellation, call Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111, or Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258.

Must I check in at a visitor center before boarding the boat?
Yes. All visitors **MUST** check in at their respective visitor centers before boarding the tour boat. This allows park staff to make sure all reserved passengers have boarded, check for Senior or Access passes, and inform you of any necessary information.

Federal Senior Pass and Access Pass Discounts
Pass holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boats. To receive the discounted rate you must provide the number on your Federal Senior Pass or Federal Access Pass when making a reservation. Pass holders **MUST** bring their pass and identification to receive the discount when boarding the boat. If the pass holder does not bring their pass and identification the discount will not apply and the pass holder will be required to pay in full upon check-in. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started. If you are a walk-on, you **MUST** have a Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession, when making the reservation, to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass.

Protect Yourself



Campsite vandalized

Boating Safety Tips

Always wear your life jacket – Minnesota State law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable U.S.C.G. approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person in the watercraft. The State of Minnesota requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.

All passengers should stay seated within the boat while the boat is moving. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited!

Boating Checklist

- A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- Type IV throwable cushion or ring
- Navigational maps
- Navigation lights at night – use them!
- Whistle or horn
- Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
- Spare propeller
- Flashlight and first aid kit

Navigation You Need To Know

The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards. To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow.

Namakan, Sand Point, and Crane Lakes all flow north (or downlake) toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows east (or downlake) to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west (or downlake) to International Falls.

Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake (red right return).



Nun Buoy



Can Buoy

General Regulations. National Park Rangers enforce a wide spectrum of Federal laws and regulations and a variety of state statutes. Familiarize yourself with park rules.

Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park.

For example, do not collect, damage, or destroy any plants, animals, rocks, artifacts, historic objects, driftwood, flowers, or pine cones. You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

Firewood restrictions

require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) firewood vendor. Firewood may not be brought in from unapproved vendors. This is to protect forest health and prevent the spread of invasive pests. For more information log onto www.dnr.state.mn.us.

Chainsaws are prohibited except when being used to cut ice fishing holes.

Store food properly.

Voyageurs is bear country. You are required to store all smelly items such as toothpaste, sunscreen, food, pet food, and deodorant in bear proof food storage lockers or hang from a bear pole or tree.

Interior lakes

regulations are in place to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic exotics. Use artificial bait only, no privately-owned watercraft, and no float plane landings are allowed.

Pets are allowed on a leash in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, campsites, and houseboat sites), on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails (except

the Oberholtzer Trail) or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

Do not harass or feed wildlife!

Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space to feed, nest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

Respect public use

closures. Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas that have been closed to protect park visitors, park wildlife, and other sensitive resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.

Hunting is not allowed in Voyageurs National Park.

Private floatplanes are prohibited on all waters in the park except the four major lakes: Rainy, Sand Point, Kabetogama, and Namakan Lakes. This is to help prevent the spread of the Spiny water flea, an aquatic exotic invasive species.

Be fire safe! Extinguish all campfires when unattended. Make sure the fire is out and the ashes are cold before leaving.

A Minnesota fishing

license is required to fish in the park. If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota fishing regulations at area businesses or visitor centers. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce MN State fishing regulations.

Know Canadian and

U.S. fishing and customs regulations before you cross the border. For Canadian customs call (807) 274-3655 and for United States customs call (218) 283-0769.

Quiet Time – Parkwide 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Firearms

As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Minnesota, and local laws, to possess firearms in Voyageurs National Park.

It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws. The firearms laws of Minnesota prohibit the possession of Rifles, Shotguns or BB guns in public places such as Voyageurs National Park, so this new federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the use and possession of these firearms at Voyageurs National Park. In addition, Federal law prohibits possession of firearms on tour boats and certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs at public entrances. If you have questions, please contact the Chief Ranger at (218) 283-6600.

To find out more about Voyageurs National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/voya. You can also find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium on this site.



Kayaking in Voyageurs, NPS

Emergencies - Call 911

Cellular phones may not work in the park.

Payphones are near all visitor centers.

Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.

Protect Voyageurs



Rainy Lake, Ray Klass © 2006

Voyageurs National Park was established for its amazing scenery and wildlife, the voyageurs who traveled these waterways, and the unique geologic formations one can get up close to and touch. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect these park resources and those designed for your safety.

Invasive Species Alert

Invasive species are plants, animals, or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health.

The park’s forests, lakes, and native plant communities are at risk from several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests. Four species that you should be aware of are:

Spiny Water Flea

This tiny (1/4-5/8”) species of zooplankton is native to Eurasia and was introduced into the Great Lakes from the ballast water of ships. They threaten the park’s aquatic ecosystems and fishing by competing with native fish for food and by fouling fishing gear. Spiny water fleas are spread when either live adult water fleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny water fleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.



Spiny water fleas were first found in Rainy and Namakan Lakes in 2006. The large lakes in the park have been declared infested waters. This designation requires that specific actions be taken to prevent the unintended spread of this species to uninfested waters. See the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) fishing regulations, the best management practices described to the right, or stop by a park visitor center for more information.

Rusty Crayfish

Rusty crayfish were discovered in the park in 2006. Rusty crayfish are more aggressive than native crayfish and can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas.

Help slow the spread by following the best management practices for stopping the spread of aquatic exotics described to the right. Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in park waters.

Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the Twin Cities area. These insects, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in contaminated firewood. Please do not bring firewood from outside of the local area. Purchase wood from a MN DNR approved firewood vendor near the park or collect dead and downed wood near your campsite.

Eurasian Watermilfoil

This invasive aquatic plant is moving northward in Minnesota and may reach park waters soon. This plant has been found to interfere with boating, fishing, and swimming and can also crowd out native water plants.

Best Management Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud before leaving the water access.
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.
- Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 140 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water.

Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Use artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only).
- No privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake).
- No float plane landings on interior lakes.

Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

- Bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute.
- When leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton batting – like material from equipment, including fishing line.

Watch the Weather

The weather can change rapidly and severely at any time of the year- seek protection behind islands and within safe harbors during thunderstorms. Avoid prolonged exposure to wind and cold as conditions for hypothermia are present year round.

The average high temperature in July is 79 F. and the low is 54 F. The average low temperature in February is -1 F. and the high is 22 F.

Thinking of Drinking Lake Water?

Always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking. Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping in the park. Otherwise, use a high-quality water filter to remove potential contaminants.

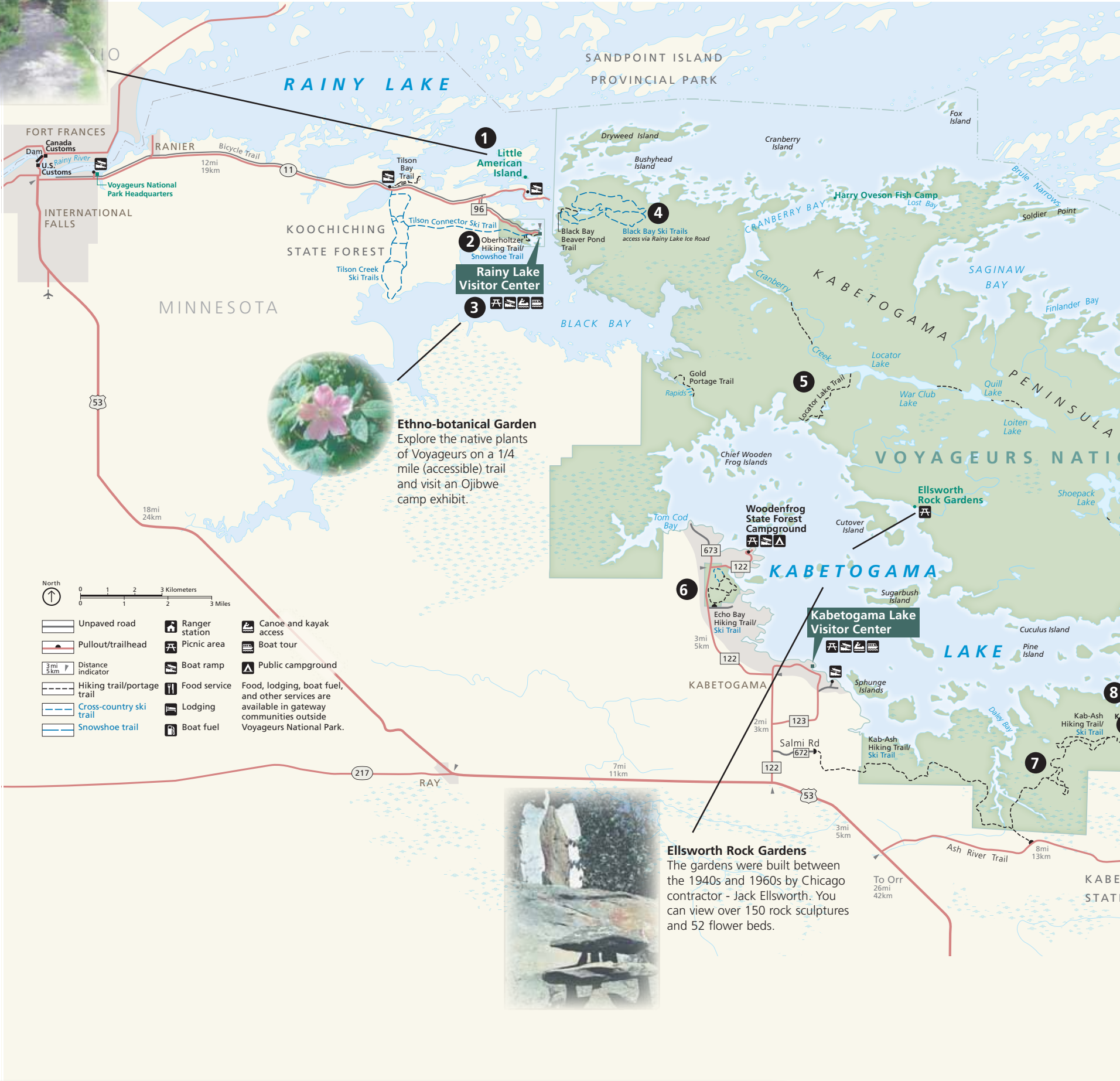
The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution. During the right conditions these blooms can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom that looks like pea soup should be avoided.

For detailed information visit the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html>.

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Little American Island
A 1/4 mile accessible loop with waysides tells the story of the Rainy Lake gold rush of 1893.



Hiking Trails — No pets allowed, except the Oberholtzer Trail

#	Trail Name	Length	Access
1	Little American Island	0.5 mile (loop)	Water
2	Oberholtzer Trail	1.7 miles (round trip)	Car
3	Ethno-botanical Garden Trail	0.25 mile (one way)	Car
4	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	1.2 miles (round trip)	Water
5	Locator Lake Trail	2 miles (one way)	Water
6	Echo Bay Trail	2.5 miles (loop)	Car
7	Kab-Ash Trail	27.9 miles	Car
8	Blind Ash Bay Trail	2.8 miles (loop)	Car
9	Kabetogama Forest Overlook	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
10	Beaver Pond Overlook	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
11	Voyageurs Forest Overlook	0.5 mile (loop)	Car
12	Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	1.75 miles (loop)	Water
13	Beast Lake Trail	2.5 miles (one way)	Water
14	Cruiser Lake Trail	9.5 miles (one way)	Water

Distances by boat between destinations:

ARVC to Kettle Falls	~ 13
Brule Narrows to Kettle Falls	~ 20
CLRS to KLVC	~ 39
CLRS to Kettle Falls	~ 30
KLVC to ARVC	~ 8
KLVC to Kettle Falls	~ 21
KLVC to Gold Portage	~ 7
KLVC to Ellsworth Rock Gardens	~ 5
RLVC to Kettle Falls	~ 34
RLVC to Brule Narrows	~ 14
RLVC to Cranberry Bay	~ 7
RLVC to Anderson Bay	~ 26

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Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use

Voyageurs National Park offers a combined total of 244 campsites, houseboat sites, and day use sites throughout the park. All sites are first-come, first-served except the group and accessible campsites. **You need a boat to camp in the park.**

General Information

All campsites are accessible only by water. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenfrog and Ash River State forest campgrounds and at private campgrounds.

All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a \$35 per night fee for group campsites.

Between May 15 and September 15, tent and houseboat camping within the park is limited to 14 days at a specific site, and 30 days in a calendar year.

Know where you can go!

Campers and houseboaters may not stay overnight:

- At day-use sites
- Within 200 yards of a designated tent, houseboat, or day use site
- On private or leased land
- Within 1/4 mile of any park developed area (e.g. visitor center)
- Within 1/4 mile of any structure

Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers may not stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters may not stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.

Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but there is no overnight docking at park visitor centers.

It is illegal to leave unattended property at a campsite overnight.

Developed campsites have tent pads available. No digging, trenching, or leveling is allowed in the park.

Obey all site closure signs. Closures are established to protect sensitive areas and for visitor safety.

Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded.

- Small tent sites – 9 people
- Large tent sites – 18 people
- Houseboat site – 2 houseboats
- Group tent sites – 30 people

Camping Permits

A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.

Permits are not required for day use.

Permits are available at park visitor centers and adjacent to all park boat launch ramps. Permits are also available at the Woodenfrog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramps.

Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.

Your permit must be displayed at your campsite – on your tent, food locker, or on each houseboat.

Park rangers may visit your site and ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.

Permits are not a reservation for a campsite! All campsites are first-come, first-served with the exception of the group campsites and the accessible campsites.

Day Use Sites

Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Sites throughout the park.

These sites are marked with a picnic table icon on the National Geographic Maps that can be purchased at any of the park's three visitor centers. Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, and privy. Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use Site.

Group Campsites

Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people? If you said yes, then we have two group campsites that are just what you need!

One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows.

The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Reservations are required from May 26 - September 10, 2012. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year. Reservations may be made on-line at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Advanced reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.

Fee: \$35 per night, maximum group size is 30 people.

If your group size is less than 14 you may stop by the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers to see if a group campsite is available for use on that day.

Need more details? Stop by a visitor center or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya

Accessible Campsites

N41 at Voyageurs Narrows on Namakan Lake is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. Free.

R26 on Rainy Lake is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 286-5258 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. Free.

State Forest Camping

Are you looking for a place to car camp while visiting the park?

Two Minnesota State forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 365-7229 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html.



Day Use Site, Rainy Lake

Campfires

Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings.

Never leave a fire unattended.

Drown and stir all campfires with water to be sure they are out cold. If ashes are still warm to the touch they may still start a fire.

Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNED.

Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood.

Do not bring firewood into the park from outside of the immediate area unless it is from an approved Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) firewood vendor.

Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in unapproved firewood. Please help us protect the park's forest health.



Black Bear, Brian Wood

Bear Country

Store all food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, metal food storage locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.

Stop by a park visitor center for more information on how to store food properly in bear country to discourage bears from making your meal their own.

Coolers will not protect food from bears. Black bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item on top of your cooler will not keep them out. Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.

Supporting Your Park



Voyageurs is pleased to partner with the outstanding organizations listed below. These organizations help fund special events, construct trails in the park, supply the children's tables at visitor centers, help with

maintaining grounds at Visitor Destinations, and much, much more. You too can become a member and support Voyageurs National Park.

Jefferson National Parks Association



Providing quality educational products and related services that enrich public

understanding and appreciation of America's national parks, public lands, and historic places.

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be one of the non-profit partners to Voyageurs National Park. Since 1961 JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for the benefit of the public and our park partners. Visit our stores at Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

Share your park experiences with us and others!

 www.twitter.com/jnpa

 www.facebook.com/JeffersonNationalParks

Partner of the Parks Membership

Members receive a free gift, 15% discounts in our stores as well as 10-15% discount in park stores across the country and more! Join on-line at membership.jnpa.com or call (314) 678-1522.

Shop on-line at shop.jnpa.com.

Voyageurs National Park Association



VNPA helped establish Voyageurs National Park in 1975 and is the park's founding

partner, supporting:

-STEWARDSHIP of the park's historic and environmental assets, ensuring that Voyageurs National Park remains wild and pristine for future generations.

-VOLUNTEERS and financial assistance for the park, to allay the impact caused by reduced federal budgets.

-ECONOMIC BENEFIT for the park's gateway communities and partnerships for sustainable tourism.

-EDUCATION opportunities and enduring experiences for youth in Minnesota's National Park, and in the classroom.

VNPA provides travel grants to connect students to the park, manages a Land Preservation Initiative to help willing sellers transfer private property to park ownership, and organizes an annual Volunteer Rendezvous. Under a new Executive Director, VNPA is expanding the scope of our programs to advance science-based education, youth engagement, and sustainable communities to grow lifelong connections between people and the park.

Love Voyageurs? Visit www.voyageurs.org to learn more, join us as a volunteer or make a donation. Or, scan the code.



Friends of Voyageurs National Park



The mission of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park is to sponsor outreach that

supports natural, historical, and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park.

Have you noticed the action around the children's activity tables at the park visitor centers? Have you borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids' skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center?

Have you explored the new Ethno-botanical garden with an Ojibwe waaginigaan and interpretive panels by the Rainy Lake Visitor Center?

The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided funding for all of these projects and many others.

How do they do it? With help from people like you! The Friends are a non-profit organization sustained by your tax-deductible donations.

For more information on how to join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park visit www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark.

Destination Voyageurs National Park



The mission of Destination Voyageurs

National Park (DVNP) is to connect people to Voyageurs National Park via implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result in increased visitation and economic growth. For more information visit [www](http://www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com).

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Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People



In 2011, the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 85 people who volunteered over 10,000 hours in support of park activities.

Volunteers assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring, and staff park visitor centers. Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects to multi-month assignments.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park, contact the park's volunteer coordinator at (218) 283-6670, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya.

Heart of the Continent Partnership



(HOCP) is a Canadian/American coalition of land managers and local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects that promote the economic, cultural and natural health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Minnesota/Ontario border. The Heart of the Continent consists of public lands and waters that span the international border from Rainy Lake in northeastern Minnesota to the western shores of Lake Superior in Ontario and Minnesota. www.heartofthecontinent.org.

Winter in Voyageurs

What is there to do in Winter?

View the Aurora Borealis

The Northern Lights occur when charged particles from the sun interact with a magnetic field 50 to 100 miles above the Earth's surface. The best time to watch is from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Watch for Wildlife

Some creatures are dormant in the winter but many remain active. Watch for tracks in the snow. Moose, wolves, and deer can be seen crossing over the frozen lake surface. If you do see wildlife within the park, please respect them by staying at least 100 feet away.

Get Outside and Go

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center offers skis, snowshoes, binoculars, and a variety of Discovery Packs for visitors to use. Small fees apply for adult ski rentals. The park also offers over 110 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

Winter Special Speaker Series

Each winter from mid-January through March the park offers naturalist-led family friendly activities for people of all ages. Try making your own snowshoes, learn about wolves, bears, and other wildlife in the park, or go on a full moon hike. Check the park's website for current programs at www.nps.gov/voya or call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (888) 381-2873 or (218) 286-5258.

Winter Environmental Education Field Trips

Each winter from mid-January through March students come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to learn about the history of snowshoes, animal tracking techniques, and to cross-country ski.

If you and your school would like to come, please contact the park at (218) 286-5258, Wednesday through Sunday, for more information or to schedule a field trip today.



Oberholtzer Trail, Matt Holly



Black Bay Beaver Pond



Kabetogama Lake, Ray Klass © 2006



Kettle Falls Dam Overlook, Namakan Lake

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes, or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors to come to the park and enjoy the solitude of the winter North Woods.

Cross-Country Skiing

Black Bay Ski Trail

Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center via the Rainy Lake Ice Road; 6 miles of trail.

Voyageurs' Tilson Connector Trail

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) manages this ten mile network of interconnected ski trails. Several routes are possible, ranging from short loops to longer excursions.

You can access this system from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center area on the park's Tilson Connector Trail.

Echo Bay Trail

This 3.5 mile loop trail is located a few miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog State Forest campground to access the trailhead.

Kab-Ash Trail

This challenging backcountry trail system is 27.9 miles of ungroomed trail and is for the experienced skier.

Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area.

Snowshoeing

Blind Ash Bay Trail

The trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center (2.8 miles round trip).



Photo by, Andrea Trembath

Sullivan Bay Trail

Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. The trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay (1.5 miles round trip).

Oberholtzer Trail

The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (1.7 miles round trip).

Ice Roads

The Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and goes to either the mouth of Cranberry Bay or

around Dryweed Island depending on the ice conditions.

The Kabetogama Lake/Ash River Ice Road starts at the boat launch ramp at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center and extends at the boat launch ramp at Ash River Visitor Center. This ice road is 9.3 miles.

Check at the visitor center for up-to-date information.

The speed limit is 30 MPH.

When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, the ice road may be closed or shortened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler's dream.

Place icehouses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails and the ice road. Check ice conditions before going out. Fishing license and fishhouse registration is required.



Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Fall and Winter Hours of Operation

October 1 - December 31, 2012
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 2 - mid-May, 2013
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Amenities:

- Trail and Ice Condition updates
- Hot cocoa
- A children's activity area
- Maps of ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile trails
- JNPA Bookstore
- Life-size bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Ski rentals & snowshoe loan program

Offers Great Activities



Kabetogama Lake,
Ray Klass © 2006

Voyageurs National Park is the nation's only national park that provides groomed trails in the heart of a park without the use of a road system. This effort is supported through the cooperative assistance of the International Voyageur, Crane Lake Voyageurs, and the Ash River-Kabetogama Snowdrifters Snowmobile Clubs.

With over 110 miles of staked and groomed snowmobile trails on frozen surfaces, this unique experience provides wonderful opportunities to observe wildlife, including wolves, and the scenic splendor offered through the geologically diverse rock formations. Come enjoy this unique and wonderful experience while taking in the comfort of area resorts in your travels (see pages 14 - 15 for more information).

You Should Know...

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages.

All land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles with the exception of designated safety portages. Hill climbing is prohibited.

Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources.

Be Safe!

- Carry a trail map with you.
- Keep to the right on trails.
- Leave a route plan with someone.

Watch For...

Pressure ridges

They change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.

Slush and open water

Avoid them by staying on staked and groomed trails.

Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park trail conditions are posted weekly at www.nps.gov/voya. Click on "news" or "winter trail report" for detailed information.

Visitors can also find trail information at the following phone numbers:

- International Falls, (800) FALLS MN
- Kabetogama Lake, (800) 524-9085
- Ash River, (800) 950-2061
- Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669, (466-SNOW)

Speed Limits

The Speed limit is 45 miles per hour (mph) on lake surfaces and 25 mph on land portages.

The 45 mph speed limit includes the lake surfaces of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and Rainy Lakes within the park's boundaries.

Speed limits are enforced. Ride within limits and watch for hazards.

Trail Markings

Trails are marked with stakes approximately every 0.10 mile for easy identification. Signs are posted to direct you to area resorts and additional trails. Hazards are generally identified with orange stakes, however ice conditions change daily and require vigilance by all operators.

Speed and the use of alcohol are the primary cause of accidents and deaths within the park. Use of snowmobiles off the frozen lake surfaces and staked trails is prohibited and causes irreversible scarring of rock surfaces by the carbide skids and studded tracks.

Drinking and Snowmobiling Don't Mix!

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Prepare for Winter Weather

Voyageurs National Park offers excellent opportunities for exploration and adventure in the wintertime. To make sure you have a safe and fun adventure, follow the guidelines below.

Dress Warm and Stay Dry

Cold temperatures, wet snow, and wind can easily rob you of body heat. To avoid hypothermia and frostbite, dress warm and stay dry.

Wear layers of wool or synthetics, like pile and polypropylene, under a waterproof shell. Avoid exposure to wind, drink a lot of water, and take warm-up breaks.

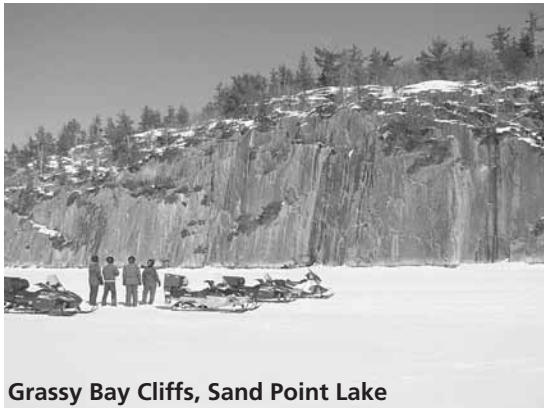
Be Aware

Pay attention to the weather. It's easy to get lost or fall when the weather turns bad. The trails can quickly cover with snow and blanket your route whether on foot, skis, or snowmobile. You need to know where you are and how to get to safety.

Prepare & Take Care

When hiking, snowshoeing or skiing tell someone your travel plans, bring the "10 Essentials" and know how to use them.

1. Map of the area
2. Compass
3. Extra food and water
4. Extra clothing
5. Emergency shelter
6. First aid kit
7. Flashlight or headlamp
8. Sunglasses or sunscreen
9. Pocketknife
10. Waterproof matches



Grassy Bay Cliffs, Sand Point Lake



Park Ranger assisting
with research




Black Bay, Rainy Lake



Black Bay Ski Trail

Local Accommodations

Rainy Lake, Ranier & International Falls			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan, P-Public Dining, L-Lounge/Bar, (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait, D-Dump Station, H-ee, L-Fishing License, WF-WIFI, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, F-Firewood, (FGO) For Guests Only	Campsites & Services: W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bathroom, T-Tent Sites, RV-RV sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, RB-Rowboat, D-Dockage, N-Snowmobile, (FGO) For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation: (All year may include shutdown periods)	
America's Best Value Inn & Suites		(888) 800-8801, (218) 283-8811	50	1	(FGO)	IP(FGO)WF					All Year	
Arnold's Campground & RV Park	arnoldscampground.com	(218) 285-9100		1		FDS	WESDB24TRN				April-Oct.	
Bear Ridge Guest House	bearridgeguesthouse.com	(218) 286-5710	2					FCS(FGO)			All Year	
Birch Point Camp		(218) 286-3541	3	3		DS(FGO)F	EBWTD15RV		D	B	May -Sept.	
Budget Host Inn	budgethostinn.net	(800) 880-2577, (218) 283-2577	28	1		IPWF					All Year	
Casa Loma Vacation Home	rainylakevacationhomes.com	(800) 554-9188	1	3				FD			All Year	
Days Inn Motel	daysinn.com	(800) 329-7466, (218) 283-9441	58	1	B(FGO)	IP(FGO)WF				R	All Year	
Falls Motel	fallsmotel.org	(800) 328-8435, (218) 283-8434	24	1		IPWF					All Year	
Hilltop Motel & Cabins	hilltopmotelifalls.com	(800) 322-6671, (218) 283-2505	16	1		IP(FGO)WF					All Year	
AmericInn		(800) 331-4443, (218) 283-8000	126	1	PL	IPWF				P	R	All Year
Island View Lodge & Cabins	gotorainylake.com	(800) 777-7856, (218) 286-3511	23	1R-3C	APL	BIGLPEF		PKC(FGO)FDPO	B	P	Summer Only	
The Lakeview, Cabins & RV Park		(800) 888-5737, (218) 286-5737	5	3		D	WESD4RV	D(FGO)	B		May-Oct.	
Northernaire Houseboats of Rainy Lake	northernairehouseboats.com	(800) 854-7958, (218) 286-5221			16 houseboats						May-Sept.	
Northern Lights Motel	northernlightsifalls.com	(800) 889-6009, (218) 283-2508	22	1		IPWF					All Year	
Rainy Lake Houseboats	rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188, (218) 286-5391			29 houseboats						May-Sept.	
River Mist Retreat Vacation Home 	rivermistretreat.com	(866) 961-1711	1	3							All Year	
Rainy Lake Inn & Suites	rainylakeinn.com	(877) RainyLk, (218) 286-5699	4	1		Ice Cream,SKWF		FPCDR			All Year	
Sha-Sha Resort	shashaonrainylake.com	(800) 685-2776, (218) 286-3241	9	3	PL	IGWF		FCD			May-Oct.	
Tee Pee Motel		(800) 850-1518, (218) 283-8494	40	1		IWF(FGO)WF					All Year	
Thunderbird Lodge	thunderbirdrainylake.com	(800) 351-5133, (218) 286-3151	25	1-3	PL	GIPWF		FRCPPOD	B	P	AllYear	
Voyageur Motel	voyageurmotel.net	(877) 283-9424, (218) 283-9424	20	1		IWF(FGO)			R		All Year	
WoodsPort Cottages	woodsport.com	(218) 286-4034	3	3		P		D(FGO)			All Year	
Woody's Rainy Lake Resort	fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001	8		L	IPGWF		FRPOD	B		All Year	

Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Tourism Bureau, Kabetogama, MN, 56669. (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085, [www.kabetogama.com](#)

Arrowhead Lodge & Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(866) 847-7118, (218) 875-2141	16	1	ALP	BDISGFWF	3WESDRV	FCPODK	B	P	All Year
Birch Grove Resort	birchgroveresort.com	(877) 878-4502 , (218) 875-2172	6	1		BIPRG	4WEBTRV	FCPRBD	B		May-Oct.
Birchwood Resort	birchwoodkab.com	(218) 875-2007	5	3		WFP	5RVWES	FD(FGO)	B		All Year
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort	harmonybeachresort.com	(218) 875-2811	17	3		BIPGWF	4WEBTRV	PD(FGO)FPO	B	P	All Year
Driftwood Resort	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	(888) 816-1529, (218) 875-3841	13	1		BIGWF		F		RP	May-Oct.
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com	(218) 875-3111	4			BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept.
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber	grandviewresort.com	(218) 875-2171	10	1		BIGWF		CP(FGO)FPO	B	P	May-Aug.
Herseith's Tomahawk Resort	herseithstomawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899, (218) 875-2352	9	2		BIGWF		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Kec's Kove	kecscove.com	(800) 777-8405, (218) 875-2841	7	1	APL	BIGWF	2WESRV				All Year
Lakeview Resort	lakeviewkabetogama.com	(877) 422-2471, (218) 875- 2471	9	1		BIWF		FP		R	May-Oct.
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968, (218) 875- 3491	9	3		BIPGFWF	3WESRV	FRCPOKRBD	B	P	All Year
North Store Resort		(218) 875-2175	6	3		BGWF		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.
Northern Lights Resort	niro.com	(800) 318-7023, (218) 875-2591	11	3		BIPGFWF		FCKPO	B	RP	May-Oct.
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com	(800) 272-4533	7	3		BIWF		F(FGO)			May-Sept.
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161, (218) 875-2161	20	1	L	BILPRGWF	3WEBTRV	POFCK	B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	pinetreecoveresort.com	(218) 875-2088	5	2		IGWF		FCDPO			May-Oct.
Pokorny's Resort & Campground	pokornysresort.com	(218) 875-2481	6	1	PL	BIDPRGWF	19WEDBRV	FPR	B	R	May-Oct.
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Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(218) 875-3831	11	3		BIGWF	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.
State Forest Campgrounds (Woodenfrog & Ash River)	dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 365-7229, (218) 875-2602					63WTRV		B		May-Sept.
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694, (218) 875-2131	14	3		BIGWF		FCPPO	B	RP	May-Sept.

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Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	ashkanam.com	(800) 950-1081, (218) 374-3181	13	1	APL	FBIPGLWF	10WESDRV	FRCPPORBDN		RP	All Year
Ash Riveriera	ashriveriera.com	(218) 374-3411	6	3			9WTRV				All Year
Ash Trail Lodge	ashtrailodge.com	(800) 777-4513, (218) 374-3131	17	1	APL	BILPGWF	WESRV	FRPORB		R	May-Sept.
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	ebels.com	(800) 253-5475, (218) 374-3571			20 houseboats			FCRKPO			May-Sept.
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Kettle Falls Hotel	kettlefallshotel.com	W-(218) 875-2070, S-(218) 240-1724	20	1	PL	BRSGIL		FCKP			May-Sept.
Sunset Resort Campground	sunset-resort.com	(800) 232-3161, (218) 374-3161	12	1		BIRGSFWF	7WESBRVK	FPOK	B	P	All Year

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Crane Lake			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan, P-Public Dining, L-Lounge/Bar, (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait, D-Dump Station, I-Ice, L-Fishing License, WF-WIFI, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, F-Firewood, (FGO) For Guests Only	Campsites & Services: W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bathroom, T-Tent Sites, RV-RV sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, RB-Rowboat, D-Dockage, N-Snowmobile, (FGO) For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation: (All year may include shutdown periods)
Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(800) 777-7186, (218) 993-2287	1	1		BILPRSG		FC			May-Oct.
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Gateway Resort Outfitters		(218) 993-2415	4	1		P		FC			All Year
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Lakeview Motel	lkmotel.com	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	3	1		PWF		FRPPORBD			May-Oct.
Nelson's Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(800) 433-0743, (218) 993-2295	27	1	APL	BILPRSGWF		FPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(218) 993-2226	5	1		IPWF		FRCPPOKD			May-Nov.
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	12	1	L	BILPRGWF		FCPRPOSRBD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Pine Ridge Motel	pineridgemotel.com	(888) 310-4225, (218) 993-2265	4	1		P					All Year
Sand Point Lodge	sandpointlodge.net	(218) 290-6854	5	1	P	BILRSGWF		FC	B		May-Oct.
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort	scottspeacefulvalley.com	(800) 649-7787, (218) 993-2330	5	2		SGGWF		F	B	RP	May-Sept.
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base	scottsoncranelake.com	(218) 993-2341	3	1	PL	BILPGWF	IORV	FPPOS	B	P	All Year
Trail's End Resort	trails-end-resort.com	(888) 844-2257, (218) 993-2257	11	1	P	BIGSWF	3RVT	F	B		All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882,6287, (218) 993-2266	12 hotel rooms, 35 houeboats		APL	BDILPSGWF	D(for boats only) B	FCR PPOKN	B	P	All Year
Voyageurs Landing Resort	voyageurslanding.com	(218) 993-2401	5	1		P					All Year
Waterfront Home	visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home	(218) 993-2600	1			WF					May-Oct.
Water's Edge RV Park	watersedgerv-park.com	(218) 993-2389	1	2		BDIPGWF	D28RV	F	B		May-Oct.
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